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NEW INDUSTRIES IN THE SOUTH.

The Chattanooga Tradesman has just issued its report of new industries organized or incorporated in the Southern States for the first quarter of 1896. The report shows a total of 497 new industries as against 576 in the same period of 1895 and 617 in the first quarter of 1894. The report shows that ninety-two new cotton mills were organized or established in the Southern States during the first three months of the present year and that 106 were reported during the same period of 1895.

The great increase in cotton mill building in the South is shown in the report by the statement that while ninety-two mills were reported for the first quarter of 1896 and 106 for the first quarter of 1895, in the first three months of 1894 twenty-nine were reported and seventy-six in the same months of 1893.

The present report shows that during the first quarter of 1896 cotton mills were organized in all the Southern States except Arkansas, Florida and Louisiana. Twenty-seven new mills are credited to Georgia, South Carolina has twenty-four, North Carolina has nineteen, and the remainder are credited to the other States in numbers varying from eight to one.

Wood working plants as is to be expected, head the list as to the number of new plants. In the first quarter of 1896 the report shows 119, whereas 140 were reported in the same period of the preceding year. Every Southern State is represented. Arkansas has eighteen, Georgia seventeen, Alabama fourteen, and the numbers reported from the other States vary from ten to four.

The report also shows that twenty-nine electrical plants, twenty-five foundries and machine shops, twenty-seven mining and quarrying companies and nineteen flour and grist mills were organized or established during the past three months. Sixteen water works plants, fifteen ice factories, twelve brick and tile works, eleven canning factories and eleven barrel factories are included in the report.

Eight compresses and gins, five shoe factories, five development companies, four natural gas and oil companies and three furnaces are also mentioned. The report also refers to seventy-one miscellaneous industries, as against fourteen in the same period in 1895, and almost every branch of mechanical industry is represented in this total.

ADJOURNMENT OF CONFERENCE.

After a week of fruitful labor the Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church, South, adjourned last night to meet next year at Staunton, and many of its members have already departed for their homes. Their stay in Roanoke has been a pleasant one to the people of this city, and the work that they have done will surely inure to the advancement of the cause of Christianity and to the benefit of their church.

The proceedings of the conference have been marked by a harmony and zeal highly creditable to the denomination which it represented, and fully demonstrating the high purposes and noble resolves of all its members.

The good that such assemblages do is not confined to one church, one place or to one time, but the benefits are so far reaching as to embrace within their range not only professing Christians, but many who have not previously been connected with any congregation of religious workers.

The self-abnegation and devotion manifested are sure to attract attention and win admiration from thoughtful men everywhere, thus in the seeds that are sown giving promise of a more abundant fruitage in the harvests of the Lord.

The United States to-day owe its greatness and progress as much to the work of Methodism as any one factor that has contributed to its glory and prosperity, hence in bidding adieu to the conference we remember with thankfulness the good this church has done for fallen man, and look with hopefulness to a future of still greater usefulness in the upbuilding and advancement of the human race on strictly moral lines.

It is easily among the possibilities for Virginia to take the front rank among the gold producing States of the Union. The gold fields of Buckingham, Louisa and adjoining counties are attracting the attention of practical miners of the Western slope and many are already in

the new fields laying plans for extensive operations. The March number of the "Progressive South," published at Richmond, is devoted largely to a descriptive write-up of the Virginia gold belt. The "Progressive South" is confident that Virginia will take high rank as a producer of the yellow metal.

LIGHTS WILL NOT BE TURNED OFF.
The Council Will Enter Into a New Contract for Lights.

A special meeting of the City Council was held last night for the purpose of hearing a report from the committee on lights in regard to lighting the city. The Council having ordered that the present contract terminate to-day. Eighteen members attended the session.

Mr. Boehm, from the light committee, reported a proposition from the Roanoke Electric Light and Power Company to light the city at 24 cents per night (the present rate) for a period of eighteen months, which he recommended should not be accepted. Also a proposition from the Roanoke Gas and Water Company to install Welsbach gas lamps at prices ranging from \$5.51 to \$4.04 per lamp per month according to the number of months used.

He also recommended that the question of the city owning its own plant be referred to the finance committee to devise ways and means if possible, and report to Council how funds may be obtained for building and equipping an electric light plant.

The Council went into executive session and the matter was thoroughly discussed. After the doors were opened G. C. McCahan, secretary of the Roanoke Electric Light and Power Company, appeared before the Council, and, upon being requested, modified his proposition so as to read fifteen months instead of eighteen.

The light committee then amended its report so as to provide that a contract be made with the light company for twelve months, to which Mr. Andrews offered a substitute that a contract be entered into for fourteen months, the same having been accepted by Mr. McCahan as a compromise.

This proposition was agreed to and the other recommendation of the committee in relation to the city owning its own light plant was referred to the finance committee.

So the city will have light a while longer.

MRS. SMITH DEAD.

A Noble Christian Seeks Her Heavenly Reward.

Mrs. Bettie B. Smith, wife of N. H. Smith, foreman of the Norfolk and Western roundhouse, died at her home on Pennsylvania avenue Monday morning at 7:30 of heart trouble.

Mrs. Smith was formerly a Miss Franklin, a sister to Matt and Preston Franklin, the well known engineers. She was married to Mr. Smith at Radford, Va., in 1864. She was a consistent member of the Baptist Church and a good woman. Her remains will be taken to Lynchburg, Va., for interment, leaving here Wednesday morning. There are five of her children buried there. Her husband, two sons and four daughters survive. Mrs. Smith was 43 years old.

Mrs. Acree, of Lynchburg, Mrs. Donahue, of Roanoke, Mrs. M. Franklin, of Knoxville, and all of her children, were present at her bedside at the time of her death.—Bristol Courier.

Carlisle to Speak in Chicago.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Secretary Carlisle has accepted an invitation from the principal labor organizations of Chicago to deliver an address on the money question at a mass meeting to be held in the auditorium in that city on April 13.

The Cat in Several Languages.

The cat is called a kat in Danish and Dutch, katt in Swedish, chat in France and the most of its dependencies, katti or katze in German, catus in Latin, gatto in Italian, gato in Portuguese and Spanish, kot in Polish, kots in Russian, keti in Turkish, cath in Welsh, kath in Cornish, catua in Basque and gaz or katz in Armenian. Mr. Harrison, the great English authority on cats, says that there are not a dozen languages or dialects known that spell the word cat without beginning with the letter c, k or g. The native Australians and those of Mexico had no words for the name of domestic feline.—St. Louis Republic.

EVERYTHING IN SEASON—Bonner's.

Virginia Lady

Weak, Nervous and Troubled With Bronchitis, Renews Her Youth

By a Persistent Use of Hood's Sarsaparilla.

"I was very nervous and weak and was afflicted with bronchitis; I also had a cough all the time and was troubled with female weakness and pain in my sides and back every month. I was, in fact, nearly crazy; I tried doctors, not a few, but received hardly any benefit. A friend of mine who had been taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and who had been greatly benefited by it, advised me to give it a trial. Last March I began taking it and used two bottles. I thought it was doing me no good, and told this friend so, but he advised me to try a box of Hood's Pills and keep on with Hood's.

Sarsaparilla, which I did. I am now feeling better than I have for seven years. When people ask me what makes me feel so well, I tell them to try Hood's Sarsaparilla, and they, too, will feel well and look young. I believe that Hood's Sarsaparilla will do all that is claimed for it. I never fail to recommend it to those who are suffering from nervous troubles or are run down in health." MRS. J. W. STINSON, 4155 Fourth Avenue, Roanoke, Va.

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Our Easter Neckwear

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WEALTH OF THE ASTORS.

Not Known to the Public, but It Is Believed to Be Immense.

The Astors—William Waldorf and John Jacob—are undoubtedly the largest individual owners of real estate in Gotham. Like the founder of their house, they have always regarded city land as the best and safest investment. Old John Jacob first became a real estate owner in 1789, when he bought for \$25 a lot of land on the Bowery near Elizabeth street. Twenty-one years later he was the largest holder of real estate in town, and his descendants have ever since kept the lead in this respect. In 1835 he sold the Astor House for \$1. William B. Astor had expressed a desire to own it, whereupon John Jacob told him that he would sell it to him for the amount named. The bargain was concluded on the spot. The greatest care has always been taken to keep the exact value of the Astor estate from becoming public. When John Jacob Astor died, he was said to be worth \$20,000,000. At William B. Astor's death it was reported that he was worth \$50,000,000, but this estimate has been declared too low. A few millions could be added with safety at present, and every hour increases the valuation.

Ever since 1811 the Astor family has been putting its spare change into Manhattan Island real estate. Rents which accrued were reinvested with a particular view to the location of the property. John Jacob and William Waldorf have continued to make investments in Harlem and the new annexed district within a few years. They keep a sharp eye on the trend of trade and the growth of new districts. One real estate authority, in speaking about the Astor land holdings, said that south of Eighty-sixth street it included 25 acres of soil solidly built up. Yet this large amount of property does not amount to more than half of the Astor estate, which owns land and buildings around Jerome park and along Riverside drive and the boulevard. It is the business custom of the Astors to give leaseholds of 21 years, on which the lessees build, the lease being subject to renewal at the end of 21 years on a reappraisal. The ground rents for these properties go to the estate, but on the assessment books the property does not appear in the name of the Astors. That's why their great wealth is not gettable by those people who are always poking their noses into the private affairs of other people.—New York Letter in Pittsburgh Dispatch.

A LONG BURROW.

Tunnel of Nearly Two Miles Excavated by an Industrious Mole.

Down along the river bank after the water had receded into a narrow channel, through which it tumbled and eddied and belched up great rings, there was left a broad sand flat. This sand flat fell off in broad steps, in which here and there were left shallow pools. Big, gnarly stumps of trees, probably grown many miles up the river, had occasionally stranded, after floating down on the river's surface, and gathered piles of driftwood about them. Barrels and boxes of all sorts of strange plunder were to be found, and it is not altogether unlikely that one, by looking closely, might have found more than one article of value.

The sand had dried down as hard and firm as on any Atlantic beach. It was springy, too, just the thing for brisk walking. And walking on it was a joy. There were neither jostling elbows nor sweet smells nor sounds, just the gray sky above, the damp wind and the yellow river oozing along a stone's throw away.

Traversing this flat was a remarkable little ridge or welt. It started in the sand where the last river bank had begun just before the river receded. Above it the grasses hung over the five foot bank, and towering aloft was a large cottonwood tree. The welt ran straight out toward the river 1,000 yards or more, then turned west and wound in a waving line up stream. For nearly two miles it could be followed, weaving here and there, never disappearing below the surface and never changing in appearance, until it suddenly lost itself in another bank of sand against which it had run. It was the burrow of a mole. And who knows but the little blind burrower is still working his way through half of Clay county to find the end of the bank. Or maybe he started upward after awhile and came out in the middle of some farmer's frozen garden patch or cornfield.—Kansas City Star.

When I find a great deal of gratitude in a poor man, I take it for granted there would be as much generosity if he were rich.—Pope.

The Dervishes Restless.

CAIRO, March 31.—A dispatch from Suakin says that Osman Digna and a large force of dervishes is threatening Sinal.

Why not ride the "bicycle built like a watch?"

COLUMBUS wheels are neat, pretty and strong. Yost-Forrer Co. (limited.)

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MANY of the leading firms and telegraph offices of Roanoke are now using the No. 2 Smith Premier Typewriter. Its mechanism, alignment, carriage on ball-bearings, and its being almost noiseless, undoubtedly gives it the preference. If you have not examined the late Smith No. 2, do so at the National Business College.

Filles! Filles! Filles!

DR. WILLIAMS' Indian Pile Ointment will cure Blind Bleeding, Ulcerated and Itching Piles. It absorbs the tumors, allays the itching at once, acts as a poultice, gives instant relief. Dr. Williams' Indian Pile Ointment is prepared only for Piles and itching of the private parts, and nothing else. Every box is guaranteed. Sold by druggists, sent by mail, for 50c. and \$1 per box. WILLIAMS' MFG. CO., Prop'rs., Cleveland, O. For sale at Fox's Drug Store, Roanoke, Va.

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In the fall of 1893 a son of Mr. T. A. McFarland, a prominent merchant of Live Oak, Sutter county, Cal., was taken with a very heavy cold. The pains in his chest were so severe that he had spasms and was threatened with pneumonia. His father gave him several large doses of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which broke up the cough and cured him. Mr. McFarland says whenever his children have croup he invariably gives them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it always cures them. He considers it the best cough remedy in the market. For sale by The Chas. Lyle Drug Company.



Real Estate for Easter.

Don't let another Easter find you homeless. Don't pay rent another year. Let the day of flowers usher in a year of real economy. Buy a home of your own. Stop paying rent. Get rich. We have a long list of desirable houses and vacant ground. Practically your own terms of payment. If you insist on paying rent, we can give you satisfaction in this respect. For instance:

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- NO. 3—Seven-room house with bath and basement on Chapman avenue \$1,350. Terms your own.
- NO. 4—Six-room house on Gilmer avenue n. w., next to corner, nicely situated for only \$800; \$50 cash and \$10 month.
- NO. 5—One 7-room house with stable on Loudon avenue n. w., for \$850; you make the terms.
- NO. 6—Two of the best houses in Southeast Roanoke for \$850 each; \$50 cash and \$10 per month.
- NO. 7—A fine house on Dale avenue. Something nice, too cheap to mention and terms easy.
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